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June XX, 2016

The Honorable Jim Beall, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing
State Capitol, Room 5066
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Beall:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2442 (HOLDEN) – DENSITY BONUSES FOR AT-RISK
POPULATION – SUPPORT**

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families, we would like to express our support for Assembly Bill 2442, which would allow a housing developer to obtain a Multiple Density Bonus from a local government if the developer agrees to set aside ten percent of that housing for transitional age foster youth, disabled veterans or homeless individuals.

The Commission for Children and Families, comprised of Commissioners appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, has a long history of advocating for the health, safety and well-being of vulnerable children, youth and families, including transitional age youth.

According to the Public Policy Institute of California, 12 percent of foster youth in California age out of the system - a total of 4,500 youth. Statistically, emancipated youth tend to struggle with education and employment, and are more likely to become homeless or involved with the criminal justice system.

Density bonuses are already provided to projects that dedicate units to seniors, low-income individuals and the disabled. Transitional age foster youth should also have access to these resources to allow the greatest opportunity for successful self-sufficiency.

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This bill, which has the unanimous support of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, will help address the needs of our transitional age foster youth, as well as disabled veterans and homeless individuals. For these reasons, the Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families supports AB 2442 and strongly encourages your support as well. Please contact Executive Director, Tamara N. Hunter at (213) 974-8108 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sunny Kang, Chair
Los Angeles County Commission for
Children and Families

c: Assemblymember Chris Holden
Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel